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IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) In a computer system, a method comprising:  
receiving pen input in an input area of a digitizer;  
~~converting processing~~, in a software program that is running while an application  
program is awaiting input, the pen input for conversion into a key event; and  
providing the key event from the software program to ~~an~~ the application program, the  
application program separate from the software program such that the application program  
receives the key event without processing ~~need not process~~ the pen input.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the key event corresponds to a  
character.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the key event corresponds  
to a gesture that is not an alphanumeric character.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the pen input comprises a single  
stroke.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the pen input comprises at least  
two strokes.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~converting~~ processing the pen input ~~into a key event~~ includes calling a recognizer.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising, detecting the end of the pen input.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein detecting the end of the pen input includes detecting a pen up event.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein detecting the end of the pen input includes detecting that pen input has stopped for a period of time.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein detecting the end of the pen input includes detecting a particular pen action.

11. (New) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions, which when executed perform steps, comprising:

handling pen input data in a first software program to receive a recognition result in the form of a key event; and

providing the key event from the first software program to a second software program, the second software application program separate from the first software program such that the second program is provided with the key event without having handled the pen input.

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12. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the key event corresponds to a gesture that is not an alphanumeric character.

13. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the pen input comprises a single stroke.

14 (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the pen input comprises at least two strokes.

15. (New) In a computing environment, a system, comprising:  
means for handling pen input data in a first software program to receive a recognition result in the form of a key event; and  
means for providing the key event from the first software program to a second software program, the second software application program separate from the first software program such that the second program is provided with the key event without requiring means for handling the pen input.

16. (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the key event corresponds to a gesture.

17. (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the pen input comprises a single stroke.

18 (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the pen input comprises at least two strokes.

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19. (New) The system of claim 15 further comprising, means for detecting the end of the pen input.

20. (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the means for detecting the end of the pen input includes at least one of: means for detecting a pen up event, means for detecting that pen input has stopped for a period of time, and means for detecting a particular pen action.